

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting

November 8, 2022

For Immediate Release

Locally developed courses

The Board re-authorized the use of the locally developed courses: Drawing 15, 25 and 35, from Edmonton Public Schools.

Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Update

Board Chair Maddigan provided an update on ASBA activity including an upcoming opportunity to connect with local elected officials at the ASBA's MLA Breakfast. Minister Loewen and MLAs Long and Getson will be invited to attend.

Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA)

Board Vice-Chair Peck shared that the PSBAA's priority topics with respect to the Spring election, including:

- Charter schools and choice in education
- small school funding for K-12 schools and impacts
- support for community driven needs based certification programs i.e. health care continued advocacy for mental health and wellness supports

Capital Planning, Community Conversations

NGPS Superintendent Kevin Bird has been meeting with school councils in Alberta Beach, Darwell and Whitecourt to discuss the Division's Capital Plan priorities and options. Three engagements have been launched on [ngpsTALK](#) to gather feedback and perspective from local communities regarding:

A potential re-configuration of grades in Whitecourt schools
The future of Darwell and Grasmere Schools
The new school in Valleyview

Parents, staff members and community members are encouraged to sign up for ngpsTALK and share their feedback.



College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) Conference

Superintendent Bird outlined the events of the CASS Conference highlighting Deputy Superintendent Jodry's excellent presentation on wellness and how it connects to instruction.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **November 29 , 2022, at the Division Office in Whitecourt**, commencing at **10:00 a.m.** Members of the public are invited to attend or watch the Meeting live on our YouTube channel, [NGTV](#).

